

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting on line 24 of page 5 of the Application, as previously amended, with the following paragraph:

The floor covering 1 shown in the figure has an upper layer 5 having a decorative surface with surface particulates to improve slip resistance 10, a scrim layer 25, and a lower layer 15 having a surface which is provided with studs or profiles 20. In use, the floor covering is placed on a floor such that the lower surface of the floor covering 1 engages an upper surface of the floor. The studs or profiles 20 allow the movement of air between the lower surface [[10]] of the floor covering and the upper surface of the floor. This allows ventilation of the floor which is important if the floor is of concrete which has not cured completely.